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§8–523.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Housing agency” means an agency established to administer a housing assistance program under the Housing and Community Development Article.

(3) “Housing assistance” means financial assistance, as defined in § 1-101 of the Housing and Community Development Article, offered for the purpose of obtaining housing based on need under a program administered by a housing agency and financed wholly or partially by federal, State, or local funds.

(b) A person may not knowingly make a false statement of a material fact for the purpose of influencing a housing agency regarding:

(1) an application for housing assistance; or

(2) an action affecting housing assistance already provided.

(c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

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